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## SCHOOLS OF COFFEE WILL OPEN FALL SESSION ON SEPT. 10

The public schools of Coffee County will open for the 1945-46 session on Monday, Sept. 10, according to announcement made by the Coffee County Board of Education following its meeting here last week.

County Superintendent A. C. Dunaway and other school officials are getting all details worked out for opening week and institutes for teachers will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Miss Eunora Farris is resuming her work as Supervisor of Elementary Schools with the Fall sessions. She has been connected with the schools for many years and teachers and patrons will be glad to learn that she will again take up supervisory duties.

## PEANUT WORMS NOT FOUND IN COUNTY

By Hugh D. Sexton,  
County Agent

The velvet bean caterpillar, commonly referred to as the "peanut worm," has not been found by the Agent, in the county as of this writing.

Dr. L. L. English, Entomologist for the Alabama Experiment Station, visited a number of counties in this section on July 23, 24 and 25. After a careful check, Dr. English was able to find a few moths in Henry, Geneva and Houston Counties. He stated that the worm situation was not serious in this section at present.

Farmers are urged to examine their peanut fields each week for the presence of worms. No one can predict what the worm population will be later in the season. The Agent will be glad to check fields where worms are found by the farmer.

## METHODIST NOTES

We are glad to report that Rev. Sproule is recuperating from his attack of malaria.

All regular services on the charge will go on as usual, although it has been necessary to cancel the services at Friendship scheduled for this week.

Regular appointments at Ham's School will be met Saturday night and Sunday.

The church at Elba greatly enjoyed Dr. W. E. Middlebrooks' message Sunday morning, and that of Rev. Carmichael Sunday night. Good congregations attended both services.

Friends of Mrs. William Bullard will regret to learn of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Cottingham, which occurred in Dothan last week. Mrs. Cottingham lived in Elba many years ago and had a number of friends here.

Mrs. Levy Spurlin and children, of Columbus, Ga., are spending two weeks with relatives near Elba. They formerly lived here.

Ed Cooper, Seaman first class, U. S. Navy, who recently spent a 30-day leave in Elba with his mother, Mrs. R. L. Cooper, is now at San Pedro, Calif., where he has new assignment.

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## ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WINS BRONZE STAR FOR FIGHT ON JAPS

Supt. J. C. Dixon, during a brief visit to home folks in Elba last week, announced that Elba High School will resume playing football this year. He said that he had secured the services of Prof. Gerald W. Hauke, who will teach science and act as coach of athletics.

For several years, Coach Hauke made an outstanding record as basketball coach at Kinston, and for the past three years he has performed creditably as football and basketball coach at Auburn High School.

Coach Hauke possesses an unusual ability to handle boys, and we join with Supt. Dixon in feeling that Elba is indeed fortunate in securing such a high class gentleman and athletic coach.

Prof. E. P. Gieger states that he will have the largest number of boys this year ever enrolled in his vocational agricultural class, so it augurs well for suitable football and basketball material.

## PREPARE TO PLANT WINTER LEGUMES

By Hugh D. Sexton,  
County Agent

Since winter legumes will reduce soil and plant food losses during the winter and spring and add organic matter and nitrogen to the soil, Coffee County farmers should make every effort to plant as large an acreage as possible. Farmers should secure their seed, inoculate and fertilizer now for protecting and enriching the soil. Winter legumes can be used for supplemental grazing.

A good winter legume growth will add nitrogen equivalent to 200 to 300 lbs. of nitrate of soda and organic matter equivalent to two to four tons of manure per acre. By using good rotations including winter legumes, yields of most crops will be increased substantially. High producing soils mean greater efficiency in the use of land, labor and materials.

To secure the best results from winter legume crops, good seed should be used; seed should be planted early; seed should be inoculated and planted properly and the crop should be fertilized with superphosphate or basic slag. Where peanuts are harvested for nuts, it is important that cover crops be sowed to give protection to the bare land and replace part of the fertility removed by the peanuts.

Assistance is offered by the A.A.A. for seed and phosphate used in growing winter legume crops. Information about A.A.A. assistance may be secured from county agents or county A.A.A. officials.

## YOUNG-GUNTER

Mrs. Joe T. Young, of Elba, announces the engagement of her daughter, Sara Mizelle, to Charles Davis Gunter, of New Brockton.

Mrs. Thomas E. Farmer went to New Orleans, La., last week to meet her husband whose ship had docked in that port after being in the Pacific area for seven months.

Mrs. and Mr. Jim Whitman and children, Mrs. William Bullard and children spent last week at Long Beach, Fla.

Friends of Misses Jean and Ellen Money, of Tynall Field, Fla., will be interested to learn that they will arrive Thursday to spend several days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bradley, of Elba, Route 3. They will return to their home Tuesday.

Miss Totsy Rhodes, with the American Red Cross at Orlando, Fla., is spending a few days in Elba with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Rhodes.

Lieut. Lamar Rainer, Jr., left Friday for his assignment at Lincoln, Neb., after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Rainer, and family.

## CAPTAIN BLALOCK WINS BRONZE STAR FOR FIGHT ON JAPS

An advanced Army Base in the Western Pacific—For heroic and meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, Capt. James H. Blalock, 35, son of Mrs. Lulu E. Blalock, of Route 1, Samson, Ala., was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal by the commanding general of this advanced army outpost in the Pacific. The presentation was made by Lt. Col. Walter N. Davis, regimental commander, during a ceremony held here recently.

Capt. Blalock, commanding a rifle company of an infantry regiment which is engaged in mopping up operations against the remnants of a once-major Jap force, displayed superior leadership, initiative and courage.

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An old Army man, Capt. Blalock, who enlisted in the Regular Army in 1930, was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and soon thereafter was sent to OCS at Fort Benning, Ga. During his period of enlisted service, he held every grade from private to first sergeant.

Commissioned a second lieutenant for his service for a while at Fort McClellan, Alabama, before embarking for the Pacific and joining his present regiment at a South Pacific base in 1943. Since that time, he has served on four island bases with the regiment and was promoted to captain while in combat at this latest station.

In addition to the Bronze Star Medal, he also holds the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the American Defense Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars.

Among those who attended the Cappas-Easters wedding in Enterprise on last Wednesday were the following: Miss Gladys Clark, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bryan, Mrs. Sam Sawyer, Mrs. W. R. Crook, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fleming, Misses Claudette and Gennette Fleming, Mrs. Frank Perdue, Mrs. Paul Rowe Brunson, Mrs. Russell Baxley, Mrs. Willard Martin, Mrs. J. A. Carnley, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Bonneau, Mr. Jake Bonneau, Mrs. J. C. Dixon, Mrs. Maxwell Reeves, Mrs. Milton Edmondson, Mrs. J. W. Kendrick, Mrs. Dick Brown, Mrs. Jack Dickert, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watkins and family, Miss Mildred Peacock, Mrs. Eva Easters.

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## CENSUS REPORT GIVES COFFEE COUNTY A TOTAL OF 4,117 FARMS

The number of farms in Coffee County, as shown by the preliminary count of returns of the 1945 Census of Agriculture was 4,117, as compared with 3,733 in 1940 and 4,273 in 1935. This was announced last week by L. Smith Deal, supervisor for the 1945 farm census in the Seventh Alabama Census District, with headquarters at Dothan.

The total land in farms in Coffee County, according to the preliminary 1945 census count, was 328,250 acres as compared with 353,849 acres in 1940, and 322,453 acres in 1935. Average size of farms shown in the preliminary 1945 census count for Coffee County was 79.7 acres, as compared with 94.8 acres in 1940, and 82.5 acres in 1935.

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## British Losses in War Reach 733,030

Included in Casualty List  
Are 136,115 Civilians.

LONDON. — The cost of Britain's years of total war—the normal life of the nation obliterated, 1.5 per cent of the whole population casualties, the riches stored up by past generations depleted—was described to the world recently in a government white paper.

Grim statistics told the story of the United Kingdom's war contribution. Total casualties of 733,030, including 136,115 civilians killed and wounded and 26,629 merchant seamen killed; the export trade, basis of Britain's wealth and power—virtually abandoned; overseas gold reserves spent on war materials; one home in three damaged and one in 20 destroyed; more than 5,500 factories damaged; monotonous diet; strictly rationed clothing; high taxes.

"We have sacrificed most of our Victorian inheritance," said Minister of Information Brendan Bracken in a press conference after the release of the document. "What was the treasure of our grandfathers has gone, and it has been well and gloriously sacrificed."

Britain, he said, gave up her export business at the start of the war and converted the whole of her manpower to the making and using of war goods. Her workers since have produced more than 102,000 planes, 25,000 tanks, 35,000 guns, 5,700 ships.

In five years her people have paid approximately \$15,800,000,000 in income tax and other direct taxes and have turned over to the government approximately \$19,248,000,000 in personal savings.

"The Victorians," Mr. Bracken observed, "were proud to be called a nation of shopkeepers, but there never have been such shopkeepers as the British. No shopkeepers ever before sold out their entire stocks in order to fight."

## SINGING CONVENTION SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

The Coffee County Sacred Harp Singing Convention will convene at Newbia Church, 10 miles Northwest of Elba and 3 miles East of Old Bullock, on next Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5. All are invited.

Mrs. E. G. Addison was called to Florida Thursday morning, July 26, to attend the funeral of her father-in-law. He died suddenly Wednesday morning from a heart attack. She was accompanied by her sister, Nellie Sue. She will make her home in Clearwater, Fla., with her mother-in-law while Pvt. Addison is stationed in Calcutta, India. Nellie Sue returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Blocker, of Dallas, Texas, is spending some time in Elba with Mrs. Rita Prescott and family.

Mrs. Annie Waters, of Bessemer, visited relatives in Elba during the week end.

## BANKHEAD SAYS LOCAL PEOPLE TO GET BIG PART OF FSA LANDS

Bids on eighty-nine tracts of land, comprising about seventeen thousand acres, made by local people have been accepted by the Farm Security Administration, according to a letter received by The Clipper Tuesday from Senator John H. Bankhead from his home in Jasper. It is hoped that disposition of the other fifty-eight tracts will be made in like manner during the next few days. The letter of Senator Bankhead says: "We are complying with this order."

"Senator Hill, Congressman Andrews and I, after many conferences with the Farm Security Administration about the sale of surplus lands owned by the Farm Security Administration in Coffee County, are authorized to announce that the bids by local Coffee County people on eighty-nine tracts comprising approximately seventeen thousand acres have been accepted and the Farm Security Administration will promptly close the sales of these tracts of lands. The bids by local people on the eighty-nine tracts were the highest bids.

There were fifty-eight tracts comprising approximately eight thousand acres of lands where the bids of local people were not the highest bids. We hope to be in position to make an announcement about the remaining fifty-eight tracts this week. We are keeping in close touch with the situation and are doing our best to bring about the sale of all this property to local people in Coffee County. Please give this information to the public."

## PFC. CARLTON HOOD WILL GO TO PACIFIC

With the 13th Armored Division in the Assembly Area Command—Enroute to the United States from the European continent, Pfc. Carlton Hood, of Jack, Ala., is now being processed at Camp Atlanta in Northeastern France, as a member of the first ETO armored division to be ordered to the Pacific.

Pfc. Hood is a member of 59 A.I.B. and served with the 13th Armored Division in the Battle of the Ruhr Pocket and in the drive through Bavaria into Austria. He holds the Combat Badger, Good Conduct, two Battle Stars.

The 13th, popularly called the "Black Cat" Division, captured more than 20,000 German prisoners in the fighting in the Ruhr and in the Battle of the Ruhr. In the closing days of the war in Europe it captured Hitler's birthplace city of Braunau, Austria, and liberated 14,000 Allied prisoners of war.

Pfc. Hood is the son of Mrs. L. Hood, Jack, Ala. He will be given a furlough before the Division begins its training for action in the Pacific.

Mrs. Gus Grimes and little daughters, Sue and Jane, of Birmingham, are spending this week in Elba guests of her mother, Mrs. Kate Brunson, and Miss Mercer Brunson.

Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Wesley Ham has returned to her home from Gibson hospital in Enterprise, where she underwent an operation recently. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

Capt. Frank D. Perdue has gone to New York City to take a position as pilot for the Pan-American Airlines. He made an outstanding record as a flyer in Europe and will no doubt make good in his responsible civilian position.

Mrs. Annie Waters, of Bessemer, visited relatives in Elba during the week end.

## HAVE YOU PAID UP YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

In checking our subscription list we find a few whose time was not in July who have not yet come in to renew. If YOU happen to be one of these, this is the last paper you will receive until you pay. Next week before mailing time we will cut off all names that are delinquent. Postal card notices were mailed to all subscribers early in July, so you already know that your time is out. War Production Board order says "stop them when the time runs out." We are complying with this order.

## MILLION DOLLAR PEANUT CAMPAIGN

By Hugh D. Sexton,  
County Agent

Farmers, manufacturers, processors and distributors of peanuts and peanut products in Coffee County have joined in a \$1,890,000 campaign to push the consumption of edible peanuts and peanut products during the next three years.

In joining this campaign, peanut growers are trying to prevent peanuts from meeting the fate they did after the last war when the price dropped from over \$200 a ton to as low as \$15 a ton.

The \$1,000,000 research, publicity and advertising campaign is to be conducted by the National Peanut Council and it is financed by manufacturers, processors, distributors and farmers. Money is to be raised as follows:

Growers of peanuts will pay 25 cents on each ton produced; cleaners and shellers 25 cents a ton on all peanuts handled; peanut crushers 5 cents a ton; brokers will pay 1/4 to 1/2 cent a bag; jobbers will pay 1/2 cent a bag; peanut butter manufacturers will pay 1 cent per hundred lbs.; salters 1 cent per 100 lbs.; roasters 1 cent per 100 lbs.; confectioners 1 cent per 100 lbs.; and allied businesses and organizations in amount equal to their relation to the peanut industry.

The peanut program has the endorsement of the Georgia-Florida-Alabama Peanut Growers Association, the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation and the Alabama Agricultural Extension Service. Growers are enthusiastic over the program, feeling that it is one way to save the peanut industry during the postwar period.

In letters being sent to Coffee County farmers by Charlie Dozier and Rex A. Lowery, representatives of the National Peanut Council, it is pointed out that this peanut acreage has increased 8 times since the war began and that the government is now using about 35 per cent of the production for military and lend-lease purposes.

Friends of Rev. W. M. Sproule, Methodist pastor, will be glad to know that he is much improved after an attack of malaria, and wish for him an early recovery.

Mrs. J. W. Kendrick spent the past week end at S. T. C. Troy, guest of Mrs. L. B. Sawtel.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian C. Talbot announce the birth of a daughter, weight 9 1/2 pounds, on July 19, whom they have named Sherol Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil M. Smith, of Princeton, Ky., former Elba residents, announce the birth of a little daughter, Patricia, July 26.

## DORSEY SEZ:

Beginning Saturday, Aug. 4, and until further notice, our Service and Repair Department as well as Chevrolet Offices and Sales Department will be closed every Saturday at noon.

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